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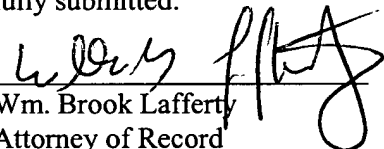
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 9, 2005 in which the Examiner noted that the application contains claims directed to two different species, Species I and II. With this response Applicant elects Species I, without traverse. Applicant submits that the claims readable on Species I include Claims 1-11 and 13-19. Accordingly, please withdraw Claim 12, without prejudice. Please amend claims 7 and 16, and, add new claim 20. The Applicant awaits further examination consistent with this Response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0761.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would place the subject patent application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.